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Potato Stocks
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JUNE 1 POTATO STOCKS

North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes totaled 1.90 million hundredweight (cwt) on June 1, 2003 in North Dakota growers, dealers and processors storage facilities, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks are down 53 percent from both last year and the June 2001 estimate. Current stocks represent 8 percent of production, down from 15 percent last year and two years ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest totaled 21.6 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2002, and 6 percent below two years ago. Disappearance during May totaled 2.80 million cwt. This was below last May's disappearance of 2.90 million cwt but equal to the 2.80 million cwt disappearance two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

United States

The 15 major potato States held 45.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2003, up 6 percent from last year but 25 percent below 2001. Potatoes in storage account for 11 percent of the 2002 fall storage States' production, the same as last year. Disappearance of 365 million cwt of potatoes from the 2002 crop is up 6 percent from 2001 but 8 percent below 2000. Processors in the 9 major States used 180 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 8 percent from a year ago but 6 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 40.5 million cwt of the total processing.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND MAY STOCKS

State	Crop of 2001		Crop of 2002	
	Production	Stocks June 1, 2002	Production	Stocks June 1, 2003
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --	
NORTH DAKOTA	26,400	4,000	23,460	1,900
California	1,424	1/	4,450	200
Colorado	21,357	1,700	27,885	3,200
Idaho	120,200	18,500	133,385	20,000
Maine	16,430	1,800	16,960	1,900
Michigan	13,950	1/	13,878	1/
Minnesota	18,425	2,600	18,700	2,300
Montana	3,296	1/	3,224	1/
Nebraska	8,400	1/	8,611	1/
New York	5,942	1/	5,500	1/
Ohio	1,097	1/	1,008	1/
Oregon	20,730	3,000	24,936	2,300
Pennsylvania	3,173	1/	2,590	1/
Washington	94,400	10,000	95,200	12,000
Wisconsin	31,955	1,100	31,125	1,400
Other States		290		520
15 State Total	387,179	42,990	410,912	45,720

1/ Combined in Other States to prevent disclosure of individual operations.

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